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METAL CHLORIDE SOLUTION ELECTROLYTIC
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patent
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23, bridging page 4, line 25, with the following paragraph.

In recent years, in accordance with the above-mentioned requirements, remarkable progress has been made in the technology for the electrolysis of an alkali metal chloride using an ion exchange membrane (i.e., the technology for the ion exchange membrane electrolysis). The improvements are especially remarkable in the performances of the ion exchange membranes, electrodes and electrolytic cells. At the time the ion exchange membrane electrolysis was introduced for the first time, the electricity

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